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1. "Poland appears to be the main commercial agent of the Chinese Government in Europe. (A Chinese trade delegation headed by Cheng Hui Tung of the Ministry of Foreign Trade arrived in East Berlin in Dec 53 at the same time as a Polish trade delegation under (fnu) Kropeczynski, Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade.) [redacted]"

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2. Chinese Demand for Radio Valves
"One contract between Poland and China involves a delivery of radio valves on the pattern of the Mullard production. Since the Polish factories either could not or had no time to execute this order, the Polish Government proposed the delivery of a different type valve that would fit the same sort of radio sets. China has demanded fulfillment of the original contract. The result is that Polish commercial agents in Western Europe and in the UK are now trying to secure a delivery of radio valves from any Western country, for re-export to China. The whole transaction amounts to some 25,000 pounds sterling. The types in demand are:

6CK7GT
6X67GT
6N7GT
6BN7GT
6V6GT
6SA7
1N5GT
3Q5GT
1N5GT
1A7GT

The valves would be delivered at one of the Continental ports [redacted] and smuggled from there to China [redacted]

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European Shipments Via Gdynia to China

3. Many valuable goods purchased by Poland in the West are transloaded in Polish ports - mainly Gdynia, but also Szczecin. According to shipping contacts, the foreign goods sent to China through Gdynia in the period Feb 52 - early autumn 53 included the following:

- (a) Large consignments of valuable drugs such as streptomycin and penicillin, purchased by Poland in Western countries as Polish imports. These arrived quite regularly during the specified period at Gdynia. No unpacking was done; the import labels were taken off; new labels stuck on; and the cases shipped to China.
- (b) Two large cargoes of what was undoubtedly military equipment from the Soviet Zone of Germany: One in late autumn 52 (700 tons of large crates containing radio sets and automatic rifles), the second in June 53 (small heavy boxes marked 'explosives' and 'incendiaries').
- (c) A shipment of aluminum from Austria.
- (d) Several consignments of bicycles from the Soviet Zone of Germany - a total amount of some 250 tons.
- (e) Large deliveries of Formalin and aniline oils, also other chemicals, mainly purchased in the West and re-exported by Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia to China.
- (f) From Czechoslovakia, many machines, including: some 5,000 army trucks of Skoda, Tatra, and Prague production, some 300 tons of automobile tires.
- (g) From Hungary:
 - several hundred Ikarus buses.
 - a single consignment of 60 Ikarus ambulances.
 - several full cargoes of aluminum.
 - about 1,000 tons of paraffin.
 - Other types of automobiles and large amounts of X-Ray apparatus were shipped from Hungary to China via Gdynia in the specified period.

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Polish Shipments to China

4. To this should be added the exports to China of native Polish products: it is estimated that in the specified period over one million tons of Polish metal products and machines alone were shipped to China from Gdynia.

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5. On the other hand, it is not always possible to direct Western exports to China through the Polish ports. The Polish commercial agencies abroad continuously seek for new channels through which prohibited materials may be safely sent.

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